

## Potomac Gallery



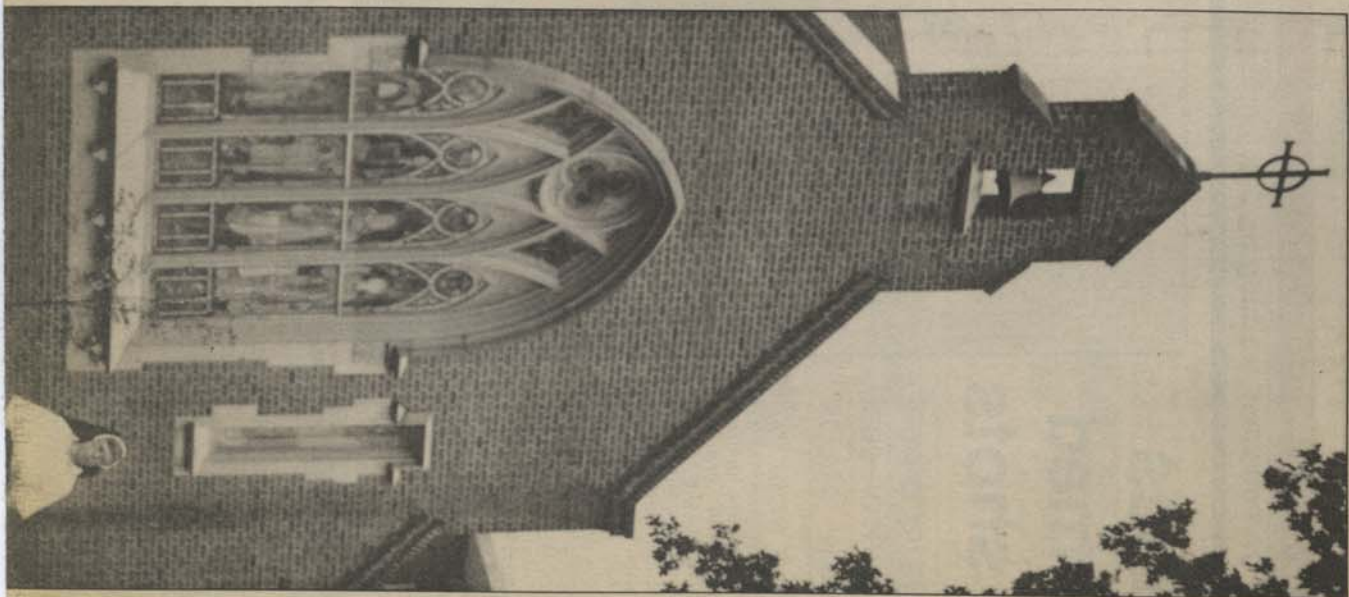
Sister Julian strokes Daisy, the pet dog, at the Benedictine Monastery on Linton Hall Road, Bristow.

## Good habits

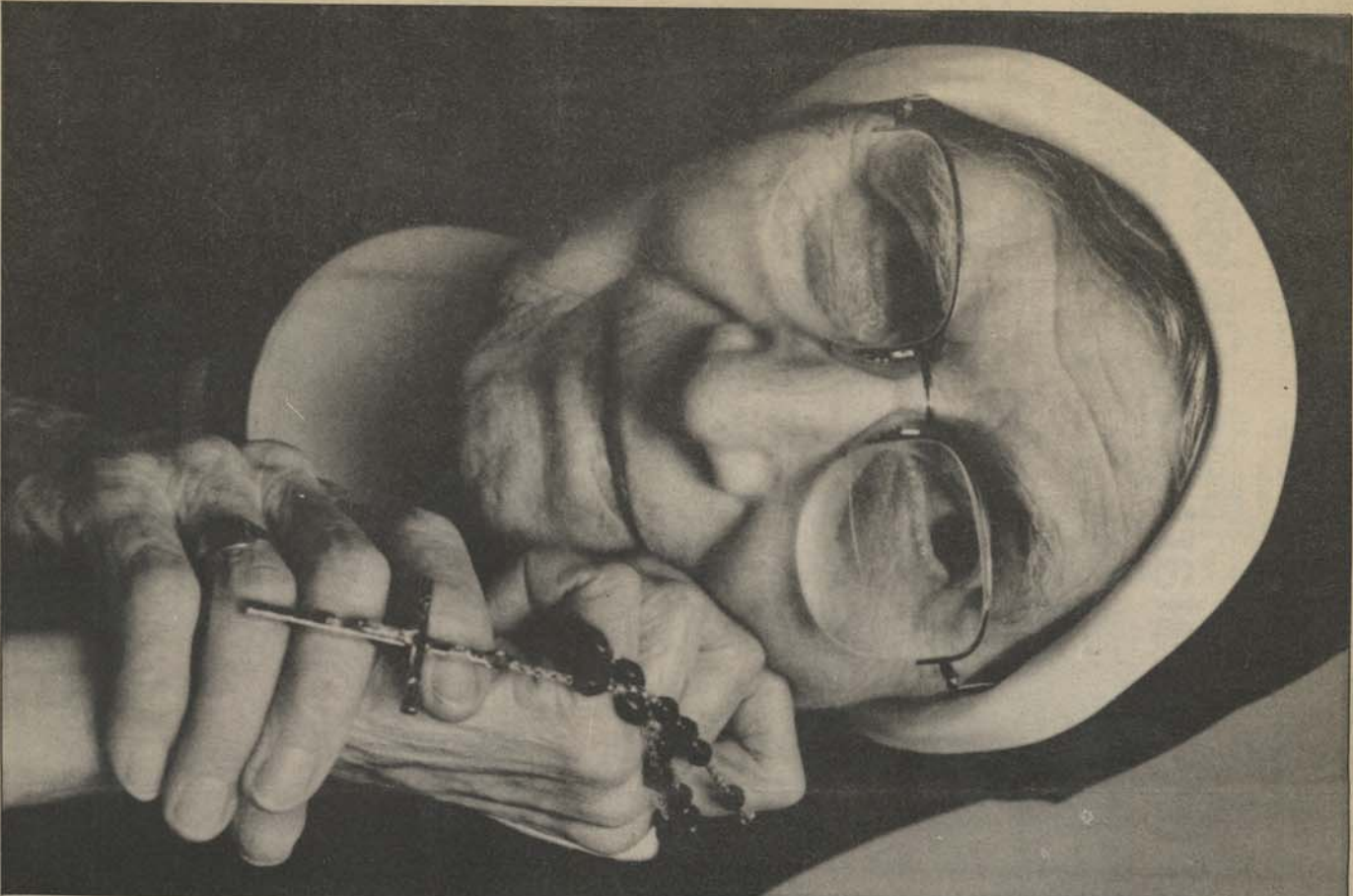
The 43 Benedictine Sisters who live at Virginia's only monastery take vows to live a life of prayer and service to the community as set out in the Rule of St. Benedict.

The Benedictine Community of Bristow is made up of 50 sisters, eight of whom teach at the Linton Hall School and others who work in parishes in Northern Virginia and the Richmond area.

The monastery was founded in 1894 on property donated to the Benedictine monks by the Linton family. The monks set up a school there and asked the sis-



A Benedictine Sister clutches a Bible at the monastery in Bristow.



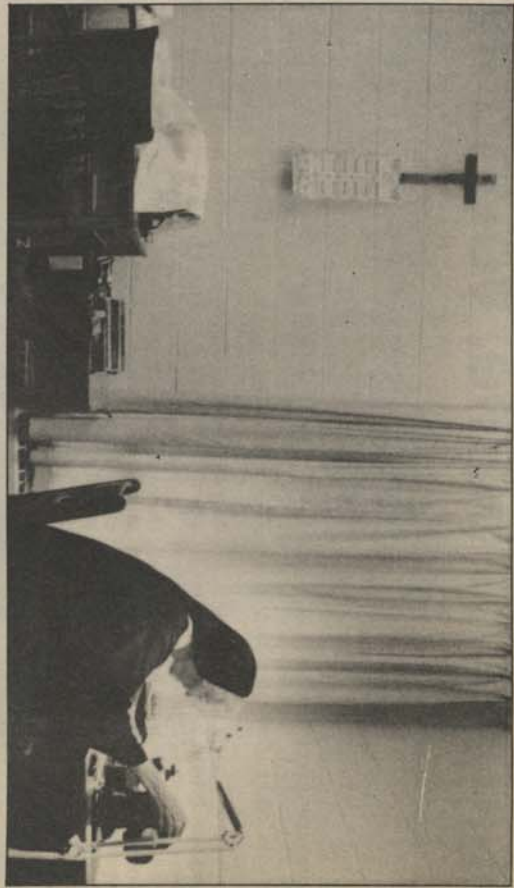
Sister Rosalia, one of 50 sisters belonging to the Benedictine Order, clutches her rosary.

ters to run it.  
At the monastery most of the sisters no longer wear the traditional habit worn for centuries.

### Photo essay by Steve Davis



Sister Henry Marie walks from the monastery.



Sister Julian works on her sewing in one of the rooms at the monastery in Bristow.



Cole Hermansen, a third grade student at Linton Hall School, receives tutoring from Benedictine Sister Mary Patricia.